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SUBJECT: REAL ESTATE IN EAST BERLIN

REF: BERLIN 21

1. ON NOVEMBER 1, ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GDR DIPLOMATIC SERVICES OFFICE (DLA), WE INSPECTED TEMPORARY CHANCERY AND RESIDENCES IN EAST BERLIN. THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES WERE IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION, AND WE TOOK POSSESSION BY SIGNING "TRANSFER/ACCEPTANCE FORMS."

A. TEMPORARY CHANCERY (SCHADOWSTRASSE). OFFICE SPACE (14 ROOM SUITE) IS READY FOR OCCUPANCY AND WE WILL BEGIN FURNISHING THESE PREMISES ON NOVEMBER 5. CONSIDERING SIZE OF AMERICAN STAFF AND CONTEMPLATED LOCAL PERSONNEL, NOT TO MENTION OFFICE SPACE REQUIRED FOR MARINE GUARD, ETC., IT IS CLEAR THAT PRESENT FACILITIES WILL NOT BE ADEQUATE. ACTIONS REQUESTED: (1) DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION TO INFORM THE DLA THAT WE WILL WANT TO RENT THE CONTIGUOUS SIX-ROOM OFFICE SUITE. EVEN WITH THIS ADDITIONAL SPACE WE, COULD FIND OUR OPERATIONS HAMPERED BEFORE OUR PERMANENT CHANCERY IS AVAILABLE. DLA'S LOEFFLER INFORMED US THAT HE WOULD KNOW BY NOVEMBER 16 WHETHER THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THIS BUILDING WILL BE AVAILABLE. THEREFORE, (2) DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION TO INFORM LOEFFLER THAT WE WANT FIRST CALL ON THIS SPACE BEFORE IT IS OFFERED

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TO SOMEONE ELSE.

B. TEMPORARY AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE (HEINRICH-MANN-STRASSE). THIS PROPERTY AWAITS THE INSPECTION OF FBO'S CONTRACT ARCHITECTS.

C. PFEILSTRASSE 14A. THIS PROPERTY IS READY FOR OCCUPANCY.

2. WE DID NOT TAKE POSSESSION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:

A. MAJAKOWSKIRING. WE INFORMED THE DLA REPS THAT THIS HOUSE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE UNTIL THE SINK IS REMOVED FROM THE DINING ROOM; A DOOR IS CUT FROM THE LIVING ROOM INTO THE DINING ROOM; AND THE HOUSE IS PAINTED.

B. PLATANENSTRASSE 39. WE DECLINED TO ACCEPT THIS PROPERTY IN THE ABSENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION. OUR GENERAL IMPRESSION, AFTER ANOTHER INSPECTION, IS THAT IT COULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE RESIDENCE ALTHOUGH THE BATHROOM FACILITIES ARE POOR. ACTION REQUESTED: CONSIDERING OUR PRESSING NEED FOR LIVING QUARTERS, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT THIS PROPERTY. GROVE

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